GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3636
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY ORGANISATION
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) have recently come out with its report of 55th round of survey on poverty ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, separately ;

(c) whether the survey results have faced criticism from many quarters; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has released the Key results of 55th round survey on Household Consumer Expenditure conducted during 1999- 2000. These results include the average monthly per capita consumption expenditure of households and distribution of persons by monthly per capita consumption expenditure classes. The percentages of persons below the poverty line in different States have been estimated by the Planning Commission based on the above survey results and are given in the annexure.

(c) & (d) The Government has not received any criticism of the survey results though some views have been expressed on the comparability of poverty estimates based on 55th round survey with those based on the 50th round.

Annexure referred to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3636 by Shri Dinsha Patel, MP to be answered on 21.03.2001.

Percentage of Population below Poverty Line

Sl.No	State/UT	Percentage of Persons
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.77
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33.47
3	Assam	36.09
4	Bihar	42.60
5	Goa	4.40
6	Gujarat	14.07
7	Haryana	8.74
8	Himachal Pradesh	7.63
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3.48
10	Karnataka	20.04
11	Kerala	12.72
12	Madhya Pradesh	37.43
13	Maharashtra	25.02
14	Manipur	28.54
15	Meghalaya	33.87
16	Mizoram	19.47
17	Nagaland	32.67
18	Orissa	47.15
19	Punjab	6.16
20	Rajasthan	15.28
21	Sikkim	36.55
22	Tamil Nadu	21.12
23	Tripura	34.44
24	Uttar Pradesh	31.15
25	West Bengal	27.02
26	A & N Island	20.99

27	Chandigarh	5.75
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17.14
29	Daman & Diu	4.44
30	Delhi	8.23
31	Lakshadweep	5.60
32	Pondicherry	21.67

All India	26.10